

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Dennis Goodwin and Donelson Christian Academy's football team on the completion of an extraordinary season and capturing the TSSAA Class 1A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Coach Dennis Goodwin, the Donelson Christian Academy football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004 season, establishing a perfect record of fifteen wins and zero losses and winning the Blue Cross Bowl Class 1A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, Donelson Christian Academy (DCA) rolled through the playoffs by prevailing over the powerhouse teams of Cascade (by the dominating score of 42-7), Wayne County (38-16), Mt. Pleasant (42-7), and University School Jackson (33-0) in a juggernautish romp into the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats completed their perfect season by beating Boyd-Buchanan in overtime of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Bowl, compliments of a touchdown pass from quarterback Josh Tramel to Tiger Hoskins; and

WHEREAS, trailing at halftime by the score of 24-7, DCA mounted the largest comeback in state football title game history, scoring 24 unanswered points while holding Boyd-Buchanan to zero second half points; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the outstanding performances of Wildcat quarterbacks Josh Tramel and Jim Fenwick, receivers Tiger Hoskins and Austin Garret, kicker

John Bevans, and running back Chris Wooden, who put the finishing touches on a stellar 1,719 yard, 26 touchdown season by steamrolling for 282 yards and 2 touchdowns on 35 carries; and

WHEREAS, Austin Garrett intercepted a pass in the waning moments of the game to clench the Class 1A Title by a final score of 31-24; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely points toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the Donelson Christian Academy Wildcats conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, DCA's explosive offense amassed an incredible 528 points during their 15 game season, an average of more than five touchdowns per game; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcat's defense allowed only 115 points to be scored by opponents throughout the season, an average of less than 8 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the seniors offering guidance and leadership to this talented team were: Regan Ingram, Jim Fenwick, Austin Garrett, John Bevans, Pratik Bhikha, Drew Jackson, Chris Wooden, Tiger Hoskins, Justin Hall, Wesley Pomeroy, Blake Mundy, Stephen Pitman, 1A Mr. Football Lineman of the Year Award winner Mark Thompson, Josh Fields, and John Link; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coach Dennis Goodwin and the 2004 Donelson Christian Academy football team on a perfect 15-0 season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate the Wildcats on capturing the 2004 TSSAA Class 1A State Football Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.